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SIAM.

Mrs. Carrington.

Ayuthia, August 21, 1874.

. . . I have had some little experience in ministering to the sick. At times, our duties have been to take care of the sick and give them medicine. I will relate an instance of the case of a very young infant. My sympathies were so much aroused for the little one, that I undertook to try to cure it of a very sore mouth. The family lived in the smallest house, with the smallest door you can imagine. I could only enter by almost creeping. I found the child's tongue and lips stiff with some black medicine like tar. They showed me a hard black substance, kept in an offensive match box. I had

the little thing's mouth washed, and then made a mixture of borax, to be used frequently. In a few days, I saw a change for the better, and the neighbors all said, "Mem's medicine is good, and the child will live." Not long after, I went again, when the mother said, "I think the child will die." One who was standing by remarked, "The child was for a few days doing well, and they fed it three bananas in one day." An infant, nine days old! "Yes, it will die, you have not obeyed me; I told you not to give it fruit." That night it was buried. I had prayed that its little hands might never be lifted up in worship to heathen gods, and my prayer was answered in God's own way.

It has been my privilege to see two baptized in our station this year; one, a man of some ability, who had been much reduced by sickness. Mr. C. had him come here, and cared for him. He is now wearing a bright, happy face, and enjoying the blessed hope of eternal happiness hereafter. The other was a woman, our child's nurse. Before she ever heard the gospel, for years, she never went to the temples to make mesit, or worship idols, as she "could not see the propriety of it." She was much afraid of spirits. After her conversion all such fear was banished, and I doubt whether in all Ayuthia you could find another woman who would sleep alone, as she did for weeks, in her husband's absence. She is a delicate person, but very patient, never uttering a word of complaint. I told her she must have a rest and change, and she has been away from me some time; but I feel assured our evening conversations will not be forgotten. I used to wonder if she had any serious thoughts upon religion, and said to her, "Do you believe in Jesus?" "Yes," she said, "and I pray to Him." Soon after, she was baptized. So you see, though we have labored in this new station for over two years, our labor has not been in vain. Many visitors have heard the truth, and inquire particularly into the plan of salvation; we feel as if the eyes of their understanding must soon be opened. There are three new converts about eight miles out of the city; a mother and two sons, baptized by one of our missionaries, who lives in Bangkok; also three little girls of one of the said sons. The wives of these two men wish baptism also.

Worship in Siamese, is conducted every morning at our house. On Sabbath, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the bell is rung. The people on the compound, and others who may attend, seat themselves on the floor in the study (as we have no chapel), and have the plain gospel truths preached to them. They are mostly quiet and attentive. I am happy to say, many of the listeners are women. The organ is an object of wonder and enjoyment.

There is much to discourage. Even on this small island, where we live, there are four heathen temples, where crowds go to worship, while we can count only one Protestant mission family, and one assistant, to preach to the thousands in Ayuthia. How we long for another family! The people are slow to believe, and seem too indifferent even to think much. But we must go on, hoping, praying, believing the time will come, when there must be a giving way in this false religion. We have just begun to sow, the day of reaping and rejoicing may be far off, yet we will be looking forward to that precious season to come. "Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

JAPAN.

MRS. CARROTHERS.

TOKEI, August 18, 1874.

I TOLD the five girls who had been reading the Bible with me from four to five P. M., that we would try to remember that hour every day, and spend it in reading God's Word and in prayer, if we could. I think, generally they have remembered it, one especially, who has been with me a great deal, never forgets, but daily brings her Bible to read at that hour. I have enjoyed the season of reading and prayer with her, very much. I wish you could hear her earnest petitions at the throne of grace. These people seem naturally to know the language of prayer. It is wonderful to see how, without having learned them, they use the same forms we are accustomed to hearing. Surely, they are taught of God's Spirit. I ask your prayers for this dear young pupil of ours, that

God would ever hold her in His own keeping. She loves God's Word, and drinks it in like water to the thirsty soul; she longs very earnestly to receive baptism and come to the Lord's table, but her father will not give his permission.

Soon after school closed, I had a nice little visit with her to a village a short distance down the coast from Yokohama. I was invited to make a visit in an officer's family, and was glad to go, that I might have an opportunity of seeing Japanese private life, and I have never had a better opportunity than during the two days I spent there. Certainly, I could not have been more kindly treated by any one; they seemed to anticipate every wish, and did everything they could, to make my visit a pleasant one.

Tokaska is a pleasant little village, looking very much like a foreign town, as it is a French settlement There are docks and quite extensive machine shops there, which we visited one morning. When we arrived at Tokaska, the boys of the family were there to meet us, and escorted us through a very romantic path to the house, which is certainly a very pleasant one, with its little gardens and surrounding hill-side. There was a gravelled walk, with some trees in it, leading to the main entrance. The first room was furnished somewhat in foreign style, with chairs, a table, and a hanging lamp; opening into that room, was the guest room, a large airy apartment, open on two sides to a pretty garden, with a fine view of hills, over whose tops, we watched the moon rise, during the three evenings we were there. This room was entirely Japanese, with the exception of a very pretty drugget spread upon the floor. Everything was so clean that it was a real pleasure to be there.

Mr. Hiyodo has three children, and two or three of their cousins were there, which made a large family. It was the first visit I ever made to a Japanese family, where I could see so plainly their way of living. At meal time, the low table was brought out for the family, with the high one and a chair for me; and we all took our meals together, the meal generally consisting of rice and fish, and other little delicacies, with some bread for me. The morning meal was different from the others, like our breakfast:

eggs, &c. Then they had fruits or sweetmeets, and tea between breakfast and dinner. The dinner consisted of only one course, with sweetmeats in the middle of the afternoon again. Between six and seven P. M , we had supper, and something at night. The food does not seem very substantial to us.

One evening, a number of friends gathered in, and we had music, singing and instrumental. The instruments were, the *koto*, or harp; *kokin*, violin and *samsen*, guitar. The chief thing in their music, is to have their instruments the same tone; it is all treble, they know nothing of harmony, as we understand it. Mrs. Hiyodo has really a talent for music, and caught the tune of "Shall we gather at the river?" in a short time. On the evening of which I speak, they turned down the lamp, that it might not interfere with the light of the moon, and played and sang, and one of the young men gave us a Japanese dance, which is nothing like our dancing. I sat with Chiye and listened to their weird music, and watched their forms in the moonlight; they seemed to enjoy it. Oh, that their hearts were opened towards God, that they would receive the joys which are forevermore!

At night, the maids brought beds,—mine was made of silk stuffed with cotton—and spread them down on the floor, and then came two green mosquito curtains, which were fastened up to the ceiling. Chiye and I slept under one quietly and undisturbed, until the early morning. A person sleeping in a Japanese house, is awakened first by the opening of the slides. The sides of the house are open during the day, and closed at night, so, early in the morning, one is awakened by the noise made by the opening of these slides. After the slides are taken away, and the house all thrown open, and the mosquito nets taken down, the great puzzle is how to get dressed, as we are not accustomed to make our toilet in such public places. I was standing in dismay with my clothes in my hand, when Chiye came to my rescue, and had a screen brought. As for the Japanese, when they get out of one set of garments into another, no one can tell, their night dresses are made just the same as their other dresses, and they wear a belt. They wear blue while we prefer white.

CHINA.

Miss Sellers.

Ningpo, *November* 4, 1874.

. . . At last safe in my China home, that China, which but a few months ago was the far away "other side." Now it is no longer far away, but so near that I already feel a part of it; and around the work here and especially the school which was founded in my heart before I reached my destination, prayer and interest are fast weaving tendrils, which I feel will make it part of life itself.

Mrs. Morrison has given me such a welcome, to her heart as well as home, that I do not feel a stranger. I have at last reached the workshop for which God has been preparing me, and now only pray that the seal which closes my lips may be fast taken away, that I may tell this people of our blessed Saviour.

I commenced studying soon after I came to Shanghai, where I was detained for five weeks, by reason of Mrs. Morrison having to go north with her children. Three of them were quite ill, but all returned from Chee-foo, well and happy. I like my home very much. Mrs. M. and the children help me greatly with the language. I need not tell you what a noble woman she is, and the great good work she is doing here. You doubtless know of it. I put away the thought of her going home so soon, yet I know it is right, and must be so, and I think I can be ready to take the school in charge by that time. I hope, and we pray, that some one may be found to come and help, yet I would rather go on for a time alone, than have one whose heart was not in the work.

The subject now heavy upon the hearts of the Ningpo missionaries, is the want of a revival of grace and zeal in our own hearts, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of the people around us. Will not our home churches take up the cry with us, until God does hear and answer our prayers? How much China needs the work of Christians here! How much Christians here, need the prayers and sympathy of those at home!

INDIA—Sabathu.

MRS. JANVIER.

AT one of the military stations in India, there have been for sometime past, precious droppings of heavenly grace. The Word of God has been preached in its simplicity, and men have listened and turned to the Lord.

As there was a difficulty about finding a suitable place for daily preaching, the mission school-house was offered for this purpose, and thus, Europeans and natives were brought more into contact. Earnest prayer was offered up that God's Spirit might work in the hearts of the heathen as well as in those of nominal Christians. The answer came in a way we looked not for. Suddenly and unexpectedly, a native Christian female teacher was removed by death. During her short illness, she was permitted to give a full and triumphant testimony to the power of the religion of Jesus. And then arrangements had to be made for her burial. There was no native Christian congregation to carry her to the grave, and thus an opportunity came, to show what is meant by "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." The band of Christian soldiers, some of whom had but very recently come out of darkness into light, volunteered to bear to their last resting place, the remains of one, who, though of different race and color, belonged to that body, of which Jesus Christ is the Head. We assembled in the mission school-house in the bazaar, and a crowd of heathen, some attracted by the novelty of the scene, and others influenced by a respect for the departed, gathered around. The minister standing beside the open coffin, addressed his hearers in the native language. The little heathen school girls united in singing the last hymn which their teacher had taught them, the Hindustani version of "Joyfully, joyfully, onward we move;" and then these brave Christian soldiers with loving sympathy, accompanied the bereaved husband and his little ones to the cemetery. A running fire of musketry would not have been so hard to bear as were the wonder and contempt manifested by those, who from every barrack and hill-top, gazed down upon them, as they passed along with martial tread and

noble bearing. It was a sight which angels must have hushed their harps to look upon. At that last great day, when Jesus shall acknowledge before assembled worlds what has been done for His "little ones," that band of soldiers, who so nobly dared thus to show their colors, will receive more lasting honors than any awarded for deeds of bravery by the great ones of earth.

INDIA.

Miss Julia M. Bacon.

THE WOODSTOCK SCHOOL.

Do not have one throb of anxiety about the success of this school during the past year I cannot imagine what we could have hoped for it more than has been realized. We had 25 girls in the house, among whom the spirit of love has uninterruptedly prevailed, and some of whom, I trust, have learned to love the Saviour. We have been happy in growing minds reflecting new-found light. Our children have had perfect health, and have been happy at school. We have had the pleasure of receiving the hearty commendation of every English parent who has children with us.

Mrs. Smith (wife of the Rev. J. Smith, Baptist missionary at Delhi), wrote me on the 26th: "I think that the favorable opinion of the people in respect to the health, happiness and progress of the children of your school is greatly flattering to your personal success; and I hope the moral and Christian influence of the school, may be as truly valued as those other attainments." Mrs. Smith has no children in the school, but often visited us during her stay in the hills, this summer.

Mrs. Lancaster (wife of D. Lancaster, Esq., banker, of Murut), who has two children with us, says: "Miss Bacon, I am perfectly satisfied with the progress and improvement of my daughters," &c.

I have written nothing to any one this year, the work has been so great, and my anxiety so keen to do it in such a way as to be acceptable to my brethren and sisters, that all other interests have been absorbed in this one thing.

MEXICO.

Miss Allen.

OUR "MOTHER IN ISRAEL."

As nearly every religious congregation is blest by some saintly woman, whose experience of life, or grace of character, fits her to fill the place of mother to the others, so are we. Among the ever faithful attendants at our place of worship, is a woman of about sixty. She is always accompanied by her aged mother and a young girl whom she has adopted. She is poor and lonely. She is often a sufferer from the effects of a painful operation performed about a year ago. Her old mother, herself, and the young girl, live in one room, with one window and one door. Through the care of her daughters they have enough to eat. She had buried two French husbands consecutively! Withal, she is the most cheerful, most encouraging soul one can meet. She has always as bright and vivacious a manner as though she did not know the meaning of pain or deprivation. She meets you with such large hearted cordiality, such a vigor of loving tenderness, that you are won at once. In church, she worships with all her might.

Every spare moment is occupied in reading aloud to her poor old mother from the service. That shrivelled creature, having found so lately the openness of the fountain, drinks from it with the eagerness of long suppressed thirst. She totters feebly back and forth to the nightly services, on the arm of her energetic and smiling daughter. So we will hope she may continue to do, till she shall totter in at the celestial gates, and find her wasted strength "renewed like the eagle's." But life will seem empty enough to our brave friend, when this object of her care is withdrawn; for unlike many Mexicans, she hates laziness with a New England ardor. Nor is she one to remember for herself, that "We, whose law is *love*, serve less by what we do, than what we *are*." There is indeed but little that she can do, now that she is old, infirm and poor. But not one of the faces that we are accustomed to see, would be more missed from among us, than the beaming countenance of our "mother in Israel."

SYRIA.

Items from Sidon Letters.

Three of last year's graduates are already at work. Hushfe Fares is assistant teacher in the Seminary; Agia, teacher in Hums; Katrine Trad, teacher in one of the departments of Beirût Seminary. Miss E. writes, "She is very winning, and seems a sweet young Christian."

"The regulator for the Seminary is here, and just put up and wound on Saturday evening, ready for a fair start at the beginning of the week, and of the year. May the donors have the satisfaction of knowing that they have contributed much towards the 'regulation' of a most time-wasting people! This clock is a gift from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Onarga, Ill. We have at last our full number of girls. Sickness which has been so universal in the land, has kept back some till now. The one who arrived latest, is from Muktara on Mt. Lebanon. Her name is Helwa (sweet).

"The second orphan came to-day for the orphanage department. Our family, that is, the boarding part, now numbers thirty, including the teachers. Our day-school has been increasing for the last two weeks. I expect they have an eye to the 'loaves and fishes' of Christmas and New Year; however if the school becomes better known by that means, we will not complain.

"I had a grand offer the other day from Regina's mother (a Jewess). She said, 'If you would only have a Jewish cook, and sleep the children on those beds that I saw in the large room, you might have all the girls of all the Jews in Sidon!' Of course it was not necessary to give her any other answer than that they might send as many to the day-school as they liked, but that we did not take boarders from the city. To-morrow we have the Lord's supper here (Sidon); Hushfe Fares will be admitted to the church.

"The Jedaide church is finished as far as its walls are concerned. The roof is on. The earth covering is piled upon it to shed the rain. The doors are not done, nor the floor made, nor the walls plastered. We have not money enough for that. The work in Jedaide is prospering."

At Home.

THE MONTHLY AT LAST.

FOUR years ago our *Woman's Work* set out upon its mission of usefulness. How eagerly and prayerfully we watched its reception! How thankful have we been for the warm words of appreciation which have come to us from time to time, concerning this child of our faith and love! By your aid, dear readers, our subscription list has steadily lengthened through times prosperous and adverse, until with the opening of this new volume, we feel justified in undertaking a MONTHLY issue. We make this change, relying still on your support and sympathy. We rely on you who have helped us thus far with your deeds and prayer, and on you who have not yet asked a single person to subscribe to *Woman's Work*. Do you know that if *you* who are reading this page, will send us *one* new name, we shall have 20,000 subscribers instead of 10,000? We begin the monthly in faith, believing that God will answer the prayers, and bless the efforts, of all of us who are praying and laboring for its success.

We shall still do our utmost to make the magazine what you need, in imparting information regarding the work abroad and at home; and our watchword, "Et teneo, et teneor" (I both hold and I am held), will be ever before us as we endeavor to lead Christian women nearer the Master, in their service for Him.

Our terms will remain unchanged: sixty cents per annum, including postage.

"WOMAN'S work is fulfilling the prayer of our Lord, 'that they all may be one.' I never meet a stranger at our missionary gatherings; all are sisters beloved. It is a very high privilege to help, even in the humblest way, the Lord's work."

A PROMISE AND A REQUEST.

In this, the first number of the monthly publication of *Woman's Work*, we would say a word or two to those of our readers, who look to us for assistance in their efforts for this cause. We desire to extend real knowledge about our mission work, as well as to interest and stimulate the minds and hearts of those to whom we come. There is often ignorance on material points alluded to in published letters, &c., and because of this ignorance, the subject fails to produce the impression which it otherwise might. In order to meet this want, we propose to give, from time to time, brief accounts of our work at different stations, or in the various schools under our care, so that those working for any special object may know just for what and whom they are laboring.

One other word. We shall be glad to answer any questions concerning the work of this Society. If of general interest, they will be answered in *Woman's Work*, if not, by private letter addressed to the questioner. We trust to the kind compassion of these latter persons, not to make inquiries of us, which a little research at home, would enable them to answer for themselves. We have a good many letters to write, of one kind and another, and therefore we do not care to write really unnecessary ones—though even these will be tolerably sure to be written if they are called for. But let us just whisper in your ear, dear questioner, the suggestion that you exhaust the sources of information at hand, in your own home, before you write to 1334 Chestnut street, to obtain it. If these fail you, then by all means, give us the privilege of supplying your want if possible.

Our little magazine will come to your homes more frequently now. Will you give each number, as it comes, a warm welcome, a careful, prayerful reading from cover to cover, and then either a place on your book shelves, as each volume is completed, or a God-speed into some other home, where lives some Christian woman, who cannot afford to subscribe to it, but will gladly read and pray over it? Do this, and our Monthly will be even more useful and more successful than the Bi-monthly has been.

"TRUE-HEARTED, WHOLE-HEARTED."

BY FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

TRUE-HEARTED, whole-hearted! Faithful and loyal,
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!
Under Thy standard, exalted and royal,
Strong in Thy strength we will battle for Thee!

True-hearted! Saviour, Thou knowest our story,
Weak are the hearts that we lay at Thy feet,
Sinful and treacherous! yet, for Thy glory,
Heal them, and cleanse them from sin and deceit.

Whole-hearted! Saviour beloved and glorious,
Take Thy great power, and reign Thou alone,
Over our wills and affections victorious—
Freely surrendered and wholly Thine own.

Half-hearted, *false*-hearted! Heed we the warning!
Only the whole can be perfectly true;
Bring the whole offering, all timid thought scorning,
True-hearted only, if whole-hearted too.

Half-hearted! Saviour, shall aught be withholden,
Giving Thee part who hast given us all?
Blessings outpouring, and promises golden
Pledging, with never reserve or recall!

Half-hearted! Master, shall any who know Thee,
Grudge Thee their lives, who hast laid down Thine own?
Nay! we would offer the hearts that we owe Thee,
Live for Thy love and Thy glory alone.

Sisters, dear sisters, the call is resounding,
Will ye not echo the silver refrain,
Mighty and sweet, and in gladness abounding?—
"True-hearted, whole-hearted!" ringing again.

Jesus is with us, His rest is before us,
Brightly His standard is waving above!
Sisters, dear sisters, in gathering chorus,
Peal out the watchword of "Courage and Love."

Peal out the watchword, and silence it never,
Song of our spirits, rejoicing and free!
"True-hearted, whole-hearted, now and for ever,
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!"

OUR PRAYER MEETING.

THE Day of Prayer observed by the Society last November, originated a meeting which has become permanent, and which we would not willingly discontinue. It is held at 12 M. on the THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, in Room No. 18 of the Presbyterian House, 1334 Chestnut Street. The number in attendance steadily increases, and there has been a corresponding increase in the interest and earnestness of these meetings. Surely the Lord is with us as we thus together wait upon Him. There has been a nearness of access to Him, with a realization of the power of prayer, that have greatly encouraged us in preferring the "large petitions" which burden our hearts. Already have we been called upon to give thanks for answers to special prayer, and we expect answers to other requests in the future.

We welcome cordially to these meetings ladies of the city, and those from other places who are interested in our work, whether of our own or another denomination of Christians. Come and pray with us! And are there not many among our readers, who, unable to meet with us here, will still mingle their supplications with ours at this hallowed hour?

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

WESTMINSTER BAND OF ELIZABETH, N. J.

THIS is the second year of our existence, and God's blessing has been so manifestly with us, that we feel greatly strengthened and encouraged. After an interval of rest during the summer months, our meetings were resumed about the middle of September, when two or three objects were presented to us for which to labor and pray during the coming year. One of these was the support of Mrs. Tam Ching, a Bible reader and interpreter among the Chinese of San Francisco. The short sketch of her life in the July number of *Woman's Work* was read, and appealed to the hearts of all present. The sum of money necessary to be raised for this object was $120 in gold, which was quite an advance upon the Society's

contributions for the last year. Still, so great was the interest felt, that it was unanimously resolved to make the effort; and now at the close of the third month, we have $218 in our treasury, which enables us not only to pay the salary of our missionary, but to engage in some other work. Of the above-named sum $162 was the result of a fair held in our lecture room, for which the young ladies and little girls had been busily working for a few weeks. M. L. R.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Roseville, Ohio.
Uniontown, Ohio,
Coshocton, Ohio.
Jersey, Ohio.
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Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.
Brownsville, Ohio.
Duncan's Falls, Ohio.
Chandlersville, Ohio.
Rockaway, N. J.
Appleby Manor, Pa.
Crooked Creek, Pa.
Middle Creek, Pa.
Huntingdon, Pa.
Southampton, N. Y.
Woodcock, Pa.
New Salem Aux., North Hope, Pa.
Emlentown, Pa.
Martinsburg, Ohio.
Perrrysville Aux., Port Royal, Pa.
Brady's Bend, Pa.
Union, Pa.
Cambridge, Pa.
Mill Village, Pa.
Mifflintown, Pa.
Greenville Aux., Limestone, Pa.
Immanuel Church, Philadelphia.
Blooming Grove, N. Y.
Washington, Indiana Co., Pa.
Bloomsburg, Pa.
Latrobe, Pa.

BANDS.

Miss. Band, Marietta, Ohio.
Miss. Band, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Grains of Wheat, Geneseo, N. Y.
Mercy Drops, Dresden, Ohio.
Loring Miss. Band, Brady's Bend, Pa.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Lizzie Stockdale,
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Mrs. Rev. Clarke Kendall.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from December 1, 1874.

SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Mrs. M. A. Scott for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, Brazil,	$5 00
Amwell, N. J., Second Ch., Aux. Soc., scholarship, Kolapoor. bal.,	5 00
Apollo, Pa., Aux. Soc, sup. Mrs Van Dyke, Siam,	50 00
Baltimore, Md., Westminster Pres. Ch. Aux Soc., sup. school at Benita, under Miss Nassau,	127 00
Bethel, Pa., Aux. Soc, for Etawah Building,	20 00
Blairstown, N. J., Pres. Ch., Aux. Soc, sup. scholar, Canton,	35 00
Bloominghurg, O., Aux Soc, sup. Bible Reader, Mynpoorie,	25 0
Bridgeton, N. J., "Anor," for Laos Bible.	10 00
Bristol, Pa., Aux. Soc, sup scholar, Dehra school,	61 10
Burlington, N. J, Aux. Soc., towards Miss Scott's passage money, $28: "Busy Bees" Band, do., $6,	34 00
Cadiz, O., "L T. McF.," for Etawah Building,	$2 00
Canton, O, Ch., towards sup. Mrs. Weaver,	25 00
Carlisle Station, O., New Jersey Ch., "Dorcas Band," sup. "Lizzie Tyler school," under Mrs. Wyckoff,	65 00
Cedar Grove, Pa., Aux. Soc, for Laos Bible,	5 00
Charlotte, N. C., for Gaboon Mission, young ladies of Miss Watt's school, $4 50; Miss C. R. Watt, $3; a Widow's Mite, 15 cents,	7 65
Cincinnati, O, 1st Pres. Ch, Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Phillips, Mexico (*gold*), $200; Mrs. Robert Brown, sup school in India, $56 ($256); Mt. Auburn Pres Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Bible reader, India, $100; Mission Band, bal. sup. scholarships, Gaboon, $5 ($105).	361 00
Clarington, O., Miss Rachel Wells, for Laos Bible,	40
Clark, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux.	

Soc., sup. school under Mrs. F. R. Newton, Lahore, India. $34 15
Cleveland, Ohio, G. Mygatt, $5; J. G. Hower, $10; and S S Teacher, $10; *special*, for Miss Dascomb, Brazil, . 25 00
Cleveland (O.), Presb. W. F. M. S: Beach Grove S. S., Parma, for Seneca Indians, $3 50; Cleveland, 1st Pres. Ch., Infant School, "Little Rill Band," sup. child, Sidon school, $45; S. S., sup. teacher under Miss Dascomb, $50: 1st Ch Aux. Soc., $32 30; Mrs. Converse, $25; North Ch. Aux. Soc, and Band of Youthful Helpers, $6 07; Woodland av. Ch. Aux. Soc, $75 65; Collamer, Aux. Soc, $7 50; Kingsville, Aux. Soc., $5; Willoughby, Aux. Soc., $8 1: ; for sup. Miss Sellers ($159 67), . . . 2:8 17
Columbia, Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Miss Scott. India, . 100 00
Cooperstown, N. Y., and vicinity, Aux Soc, sup. school, Syria, . . . 33 46
Cranbury. N. J., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., towards Miss Scott's passage money, $10; 2d Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc, do., $14, ... 24 00
Cumberland, O., Mrs. Eliza M. Alrich, for Laos Bible. 25 00
Dansville, N. Y., 1st Ch., "Family Miss box," sup. scholarship Gaboon, . . 25 00
Darby Level, Pa., Ch., for Miss Phillips, Odanah, printing, *special*, . . 30 00
Davis, Pa., Washington Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc, for Siam mission. 11 00
Deckertown, N J., "Little Lambs" Band, sup scholar, Mrs. Wilder's school. Kolapoor, $30; for tracts, 20 cts., 30 20
Dover. Del., "Cheerful Workers" Band, proceeds annual fair. of which for printing Odanah mission, *special*, $25. . . . . 100 00
East Derry, N H, Miss Mary Pigeon, for "New Elfe," Gaboon mission, $5; sup. scholar, in Africa, $22 40, 27 40
Easton, Pa, Miss Mary L. Boileau for Laos Bible, . $5 00
Ebenezer. Pa, Aux. Soc, for Siam mission, . . . 25 75
Eldersridge, Pa., "M" *in memoriam*, an eldest son, deceased, for Laos Bible, $42; "R.," for Laos Bible, $1, . 33 00
Elizabeth, N. J., Aux. Soc, sup. Mrs Hutchinson, Mexico, $168 16; Westminster Ch., "Westminster Band." sup Mrs. Tam Ching, Chinese mission, San Francisco, $153, ... 301 16
Ellicott City Md, Aux Soc., for Mrs Nevius, *special*, . 26 00
Englewood, N. J., Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. village school, Shawfut, Syria, (*gold*, ... 500 00
Erie Pa, Park Ch Aux Soc., sup. Miss Williamson, . 200 00
Findlay, O, 'Lilies of the Field" Circle, for Etawah Building, ... 25 00
Flemington, N J., "Gleaners" Band, sup. Miss Kuhl, 75 00
Freeport, Pa., Ch Aux. Soc, sup. Mrs. Van Dyke, Siam, $37 50; Srader Grovo Pres. Ch Aux. Soc., *special*, for Mrs. McFarland, Siam, $20, ... 57 50
Genesco, N. Y., Central Ch. Aux. Soc, sup scholar. Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad, $24; "Mrs G.," for Laos Bible. $5; "Mary Gregory" Band, sup. Khanam. scholar Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad, $4 80, . 33 80
Geneva, N. Y., B. M Nelson, for Laos Bible, 6 cents; Miss Bessie M. Nelson and sister, for school, Rio Claro, 50 cents, ... 1 10
Glendale, O, Aux. Soc., sup Katie Gatting, scholar, Dehra school, . . . 39 00
Greensburg, Pa., Aux. Soc. sup. Mrs. Morrison's school, Ningpo, ... 50 00
Greenwich, N. J, Aux. Soc, sup. Bible reader, India, $70; "Henry E Thomas" Band sup. child India, $35, ... 105 00
Honesdale, Pa, "Hopeful Workers" Band, for Laos

Bible, $15; for Etawah Building, $25, . . . $40 00
Horseheads, N. Y., Mrs. Alonzo Banks, for Laos Bible, ... 1 10
Huntingdon, Pa., 1st Mission S. S. (colored), sup. Osynka, ... 20 00
Jersey City, N. J., 2d Pres. Ch., Mrs. E. M. Foreman, *in memoriam*, "Little Willie," sup. orphan boy, Mrs. Calderwood's school, $30; "Broughton" Band, sup. girl, Mrs. Alexander's school, Mynpurie, $30, . 60 00
Judson, Ind., Mrs S. S. Buchanan, for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, Brazil, . . 5 00
Kingston, Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. native teacher, Syria, . 30 00
Kinsman, O., Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Weaver, . . 9 85
Kittanning, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux Soc., sup. Mrs. Johnson, India, ... 200 00
Lancaster, O., Pres. Ch., "Panalla" Aux. Soc., for Panalla, ... 35 00
Leechburg, Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Van Dyke, Siam, 25 00
Leetonia, O., Mission Circle, sup Mrs. Weaver, . . 52 00
Lexington, O., sup scholar, Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad, ... 28 00
Livermore, Pa., "Watchers for the Morning" Band, sup. teacher at Kolapoor, . 60 00
Livonia, N. Y., Aux. Soc., sup. scholarship, Miss Allen's school, Mexico, . . 30 0
Marietta, O., 4th st. Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Miss Allen, Mexico, $15; Mrs. Burgess for John Williamson, Dakota Territory, $1 ', . . 25 00
Marietta, Pa., "Zenana Helpers" Band, sup. scholarship, Kolapoor, ... 30 00
McConnellsburg, Pa., Mrs. R. A. Hoke, for Woodstock, . 2 00
Mechanicsburg, Pa., Aux. Soc, Etawah Building, $2 50; Laos Bible, $2 50; sup. Iowalee, native teacher under Miss Thiedi, India, $100, ... 105 00
Metuchen, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., for Laos Bible, . 55 00
Monroe, N. Y., Aux Soc., sup. school No. 4, Lahore, under Mrs. C. B. Newton, . $100 00
Morristown, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc, sup. Miss Seward, Allahabad, . . 173 00
Mt Pleasant, Pa., Reunion Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Rachel Neel, Dehra school, 64 08
New Albany, Ind., 1st Pres. Ch. S. S., sup. "Lizzie Daniels," Mynpurie, . . . 50 00
Newark, Del., 1st Pres. Ch. S. S., "Hope" Band, sup. child, Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, ... 20 00
Newark, N. J, A member of "W. M. F. S.," for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, Brazil, . 1 00
Newark, O., Aux. Soc., for Laos Bible, . . . 100 00
Newberry, Pa., Mrs. S. V. F. King, for Laos Bible, . 10 00
Odanah, Wis., Friends, through Miss H. N. Phillips, for Chippewa printing, *special*, ... 16 50
Ogdensburg, N. Y, 1st Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., for Laos Bible, ... 100 00
Onarga, Ill, Aux. Soc., for clock, Sidon school. *special*, 15 00
Orange, N. J., 2d Pres. Ch Aux. Soc, sup. Mrs. Capp, 112 00
Oxford, O., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux Soc., for Woodstock, . . 20 00
Oxford, Pa., Pres. Ch, "Little Girl's Miss. Society." for Waldenses, . . . 25 00
Pataskala, O, Aux Soc., for Siam mission, . . . 20 00
Peckskill, N. Y., 2d. Pres. Ch. S. S., for "New Elfê," Gaboon. 15 00
Pennsylvania, sundries towards Miss Loring's services, ... 182 00
Peru, Ill, Miss Mary B. Evans, for Laos Bible, . 2 40
Philadelphia, Pa.: Arch St. Pres. Ch. S. S., sup. Lagivanti, scholar Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad (*gold*), $36; Chestnut Hill Pres. Ch., Miss B. M. Boswell, for Rio Claro Building, $5; for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, Brazil, $5; and for Etawah Building, $5; 1st Pres. Ch, Germantown, Aux. Soc,

sup. Miss Gamble, $150; Green Hill Pres. Ch., Miss Sydney Lacker, for Etawah Building, $10; Immanuel Pres. Ch., for Rio Claro Building, $78 70; Johnstone Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Baird, Odanah, $111; N. Pres. Ch., "Agnew" Band, for clock for girl's school, Jedaide, Syria, *special*, $15; Old Pine st. Ch., Infant school, sup. little Sarah, Gaboon, $30; Reunion Aux. Soc., sup. Miss Lydia Jones, Gaboon and Corisco mission. $300 ($330); Tabernacle Pres. Ch., "M.," sup. Mrs. Morrison, Ningpo, $45; "S. K." for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, Brazil, $50 10th Pres. Ch., "A friend," for Etawah Building, $100; Anon. sup. "Asine" native teacher, Beirût Fem. Sem. $100; Mrs. M. H. Crawford, sup. Emma Khairati, Dehra, $25; Miss K. M. Linnard, for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, Brazil, $10; Estate Mrs Ellen T. Miller, dec'd., legacy appropriated to Etawah Building, $1000; Rev. Matthew Newkirk, for Laos Bible, $100; Miss Tatem's school, towards sup. "Emmeline," assistant teacher, Mynpurie, $5, ... $2170 70

Philipsburg, N. J., Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., bal. sup. Zenana Bible reader, ... 50 00

Pittsburgh, Pa., 4th Pres. Ch. S. S., sup. child, Mrs. Alexander's school, Mynpurie, $7 50; "Mrs. Nassau Aux. Soc." Penn. Female Coll. for new "Elfe," Gaboon Mission, $72, . . 79 50

Pittsburgh and Allegheny Committee: Allegheny N. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Wright's school, Seneca Indians, $100; Bakerstown Aux. Soc., sup. Kassi Ram and Bhola Nath, teachers, Mynpurie, $23 40; Bellefield, Aux. Soc., outfit Miss Hardie, $100; East Liberty Young Ladies' Soc., sup. Mrs. Barker, Kolapoor, $221; Mingo, Aux. Soc., sup. Suhk Bausi, $35; Pittsburgh (Central Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Tracy, $75; 3d Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Millar, $430; 6th Ch. Aux. Soc., towards Miss Hardie's passage money, $25); $530; Sewickly, Aux. Soc., for Mynpurie, $50; Shady Side, Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Tracy, $16; Sharpsburg, Aux Soc., for Canton Mission, $100; Wilkinsburg, Aux Soc., for Mexico, $100; Mrs. A. Howard, for Laos Bible, $20, ... $1295 40

Plainfield, N. J., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Wyckoff's children, *special*, $15; Etawah Building, $15; towards sup. Mrs. Kellogg, $9 44 . . 74 44

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Oldfather, Oroomiah, . 142 78

Rahway, N. J., Aux. Soc., for Etawah Building, . . 24 00

Reeseville, Pa., Aux Soc., sup. scholar Sidon school, 44 00

Rome, N. Y., "Stryker" Band, sup. school at Berta, Syria, 70 00

Roseville, N. J., Pres Ch S S., sup. 2 girls Sidon school, 100 00

Roxabell, N. Y., Concord Ch., Miss Mary A. Gage, for Laos Bible, . . . 5 00

Sag Harbor, N. Y., Mrs. A. E. Westfall, Etawah Building, 2 00

Scotchtown, N. Y., S S., sup. child Hattie Atwater, Gaboon, ... 26 00

Short Creek, O., Ch Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs W. F. Johnson, Furrukhabad, . . . 12 00

Sparta, N. Y., 2d Pres. Ch. Aux Soc., sup. "Amanda," Dehra school, . . . 60 00

Spartansburg, Pa., Pres Ch. S S, "Beacon Lights" Band sup. Mrs. Bushnell's school, Africa, . . . 20 00

Springfield, Mo., Aux. Soc., for Laos Bible, . . . 25 00

Spruce Creek, Pa., Aux. Soc. for Etawah Building, . 173 00

Statesville, N. C., Miss E. H. Billingsby, for Laos Bible, 20 00

Stroudsburg, Pa., Miss Phœbe

E. Dinsmore, for Sidon Building, ... $1 50
Sweden, N. Y., Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc. and bands, sup. Mrs. Morrison's school, Ningpo, 25 00
Syracuse, N. Y., Park Pres. Ch. S. S , snp Mrs. Nevius' school, China *(gold)*. . . 100 00
Taneytown, Md., Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. scholarship, Oroomiah, ... 35 00
Titusville, Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Wyckoff, . . . 125 00
Trenton, N. J , 1st Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Hepburn, Japan, $225; 3d Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc. for Debra school, $50: for Rio Claro Building $50; "E. G. G." (for Laos Bible $10, and for Rio Claro Building $10), $20, "Golden Hour" Circle, sup. child in Japan under Mrs. Hepburn, $24; 4th Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc , sup. Mrs. Holcomb, $120, . . 489 00
Troy, O., Aux Soc., sup. Wanetta Alverez, native teacher, Gaboon, . . . 55 00
Tuscarora, N. Y., Aux. Soc., sup. Sidon School, . . 8 65
Warren, O , Miss Nellie A. Darling, for Laos Bible, . 3 00
Washington, Pa , 1st Pres. Ch. Aux Soc , sup. Mrs. Easton, Tabreez, $60; for Laos Bible, $1; "Cornes" Band, for 3 scholarships, Mrs. Alexander's school, Mynpurio, $25, . . . 86 00
Waverly, N J , Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., sup. "Bhiwa," native teacher, Kolapoor, . . $90 00
West Chester, Pa , Aux. Soc , sup. Mrs. Wood, . . 200 00
Wilkesbarre, Pa , Memorial Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc.. sup. Miss Allen's school, Mexico, $200; Sabbath-school, Mary, Lynde and Frank Wadhams, deceased, sup. scholarship at Kolapoor, $36, . 236 00
Wilkinsburg, Pa , Beulah Ch. Aux. Soc., sup Mrs. Barker *(currency)*, $50, *(gold)*, $5, 55 00
Wilmington, Del , Central Pres. Ch., "Taylor" Band for Laos Bible, . . . 5 00
York, O., Ch , Mrs. Catharine M. McNeil, for Etawah building, ... 3 40
Zanesville, O., Aux Soc., sup. Mrs. Crosette, Tungchow, $112; Putnam Pres. Ch , "Busy Bees" Band, sup. "Busy Bees" and "Guthrie" scholarships, Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, $50, . 162 00

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Allegheny, N. Ch. Aux. Soc., Christmas box to Mrs. E. A W. Robertson, Muskola, Ind. Territory; Pittsburgh, Central Ch. Aux. Soc., Christmas box to Miss N. J Williamson. Yankton Agency, Dakota Territory.

NOTE.—The amount acknowledged in November number as from Lingwood Church, Frenchtown, N. J., should have been from Kingwood Ch.

The $110 acknowledged in January number from Cohocksink Church, Philadelphia, should have appeared as specifically appropriated to support Mrs. Calderwood.

The $50 acknowledged in January number from Salem, O., "for Laos Bible," should have been "towards Mrs. Weaver's passage money."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENERAL FUND.

Annandale, N. J., Miss Angie Young, a Christmas gift, . $2 00
Arkport, N. Y., Mrs. E. Horton, ... 4 40
Ashland, N. Y , Aux. Soc., . 6 80
Astoria, Oregon, Mrs. M. C. Flavel, ... 1 40
Athens, Pa., Aux. Soc., . 12 00
Belvidere, N. J , 2d Pres. Ch. a "S. S. Class," . . $4 00
Canton, N. Y., Aux. Soc , . 38 00
Chestnut Level, Pa., Aux. Soc., ... 30 00
Cincinnati, O., Mt. Auburn Pres Ch., ... 181 04
Clearfield, Pa., Mrs. R. H.

Shaw, $2 50; Mrs. H. S. Butler, $2 50, . . . $5 00
Clifton Springs, N. Y., Miss M. E. Scoville, . . . 10 00
Connellsville, Pa, Mrs. J. M. Barnet, $10; Aux. Soc, $10. . . . . 20 00
Danville, Pa. Aux. Soc., $69; "Olive" and "Pearl" Bands, $20, ... 89 00
Demos, O., Aux Soc, . . 39 79
Franklin, Pa, Aux. Soc., . 50 00
French Creek, W. Va, Aux. Soc., ... 9 50
Grant, Pa, Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc, ... 5 00
Greencastle, Pa, "Lillies of the Valley" Band. . . 25 00
Greenville, Tenn., Mt. Bethel Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc, . . 7 00
Hammonton, N. J., Aux. Soc., 17 00
Hollidaysburg, Pa., Miss Sarah B. King, . . . 5 00
Home, Tenn., Oakland Ch. Aux. Soc., $13 10; wife of a Home Missionary, one gold ring, sold for $2 75, . 15 85
Horseheads, N. Y., Mrs. Alonso Banks, . . . 5 00
Kingston, Tenn., Bethel Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., . . . 25 00
Knoxville, Tenn., 2d Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc., $85 85, less exchange, 25 cents, . . 85 60
Little Britain, Pa., Aux. Soc, 41 00
Marshall, O., Aux. Soc, Mrs. Jane H. Dick, . . . 5 00
Mexico, N. Y., Miss A. M. Emery, ... 2 00
Monroeton, Pa., Miss M. H. Bronson, ... 2 00
Mt. Pleasant, O., Miss M Lola McGee, ... 1 00
Muskingum, O., Ch. Aux Soc., 12 00
New Brighton, Pa., Mrs. E. Critchlow, ... 12 00
Newcastle, Delaware, Mrs. Annie C. Kerr, . . . 5 00
Nickleville, Pa., Ladies' Academia Aux. Soc., . . 15 00
North Aurora, Ill., Mrs. Chester Pierce, ... 1 00
Philadelphia: Holmesburg, "Hope" Circle, $5; Kenderton Pres. Ch., "Miss G. L. Johnson" Band, $10; estate Mrs. Ellen T. Miller, deceased, $1000; Miss B. M. Boswell, $2; Mrs Mary Bayard, $50; Miss W. W. Brown, $25; Miss M. F. $3; Miss Kate B. Foering, $1; Mrs. Wm. E. Morris, $2; Mrs. J. Stewart, $1; Miss Anna Wilson, $1; sale of fern mottoes, $10 80, . . $1110 80
Piney Creek, Md., Ch. Aux. Soc., ... 32 00
Pittsburgh and Allegheny Committee: Allegheny 2d Ch. Aux. Soc., $25; Bridgewater, 1st Ch. Aux. Soc., $16; "The Tax Girls" Class S. S., $25—$41; Glenshaw S. S., $8; Locust Ridge S. S., $5, . . 79 00
Rogersville, Tenn., Aux Soc, 7 40
Salem, N. Y., Mrs. J. Parrish, ... 40
Shady Side, Pa., contents Willie Spencer's Mite Box, 6 65
Southampton, N. Y., Aux Soc., $73 18; "Golden Rule" Band, $8 94, . . . 82 12
Taneytown, Md., Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc, ... 8 10
Thompsonville, Conn, "Morning Star" Band, $11 20; Miss Ella B. Frazer $1, . 12 20
Uniontown, Md, Miss Sarah D. Ferguson, . . . 2 00
Watertown, N. Y., Stone St. Ch. Aux. Soc., . . . 30 00
Waverly, N. Y, Pres. Ch. Aux. Soc, ... 63 22
Wilkinsburg, Pa., Aux. Soc., 1 50
York, Pa., Aux. Soc, . . 179 75
Interest on $1,000, Mrs. Charlotto Draper Fund, . . 33 67

$2,438 19

Total Receipts December, 1874, and January, 1875, $13,389 23
Previously acknowledged, 19,395 04
Balance, May 1, 1874, . 65 20

Aggregate from May 1, 1874, to Feb. 1, 1875, . $32,849 47

PHILADELPHIA, February 1, 1875.

MRS. J D. MCCORD, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut Street.

Our Little Workers.

A SCENE IN BRAZIL.

LETTER FROM MISS KUHL.

ST. JOHN DE RIO CLARO, BRAZIL, S. A.,
November 14. 1874.

DEAR CHILDREN:—Why is the cross by the roadside, and what are the people doing? It marks the grave of a murdered man, and the people are praying for the repose of his soul, thinking there is merit in the act. They always take off their hats in passing a cross or a church. There are many shrines and places of worship in this part of the country; sometimes a little arbor near the highway, with an image of a saint or a crucifix. In this city (Rio Claro), there is a rude little hut with mud walls, that has in it a horrible image of death. The people carry flowers there, and repeat prayers. St. John is supposed to watch over this city. The banner seen in the picture bears his image. It was raised on St. John's day. When the small pox prevailed here, many prayers were offered to this saint, and offerings of money and flowers laid on his altars in the churches.

One Sabbath we saw a woman dressed in black silk and a velvet cape trimmed with rich lace, walk through the streets barefooted, carrying a beautiful red silk flag, with a picture of a dove; the staff had a silver dove on the top, and a beautiful wreath of flowers. She was followed by a servant with a plate, asking for alms for the Holy Ghost. Every one who contributed, was permitted to kiss the dove on the flag-staff.

One of the girls in our mission-school was sent by her father through the streets, on a similar errand. Another dear little girl, whose name is Anna Angelica, was dressed as an angel with gauze wings, and marched in one of the processions. Our little ones are learning of Jesus, and superstition and idolatry flee before the light of truth, as darkness disappears at the rising of the sun.

Mrs E.F. Williams

The Sabbath is not observed here. There is more business on Sabbath mornings, than on the mornings of the week. The afternoon is devoted to visiting and pleasure. One of the boys in our Sabbath-school, left his place of business, because he was obliged to work on the Sabbath. The people in this large mission field, are very ignorant. Many of them have never seen a Bible, and until they are taught to read, it is a sealed book.

Mr. Da Gama has already opened a number of schools in the surrounding country Rio Claro is the largest place in his field of labor, and this the largest school. Miss Dascomb has, during her mission life in Brazil, prepared a number of her pupils for teaching. May many more be sent from this school to open the Bible to the people of Brazil! This is a beautiful country with its evergreen palms, its hills covered with coffee-trees, and rich tropical fruits growing with but little culture. Brazil scarcely knows a winter; its trees are always green. In this part of the country, snow is not known. One of our school boys is very much delighted with pictures of winter in the States. He thinks coasting and skating must be delightful. He amused us very much one day, by telling us that he had seen a piece of thin ice, one very cold morning in July. July is the coldest month in Brazil.

"All nations shall serve Christ." Brazil will be a rich tribute to lay at Jesus' feet. What can the children do towards giving this people the Bread of Life?

HOW ONE BAND IS WORKING.

The President of the Maria Grier Band gives us her programme for February, as follows: "On the first Saturday in February, our missionary Saturday, we are to take up Africa. I have prepared a question on that subject for each child to take home on the Saturday previous, and bring back answered at our missionary meeting. Then I have some pictures of African missionary life which I shall show them, and some stories from *Woman's Work*, which I shall read to them."

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department,

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THE SECRETARIES OF THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE NORTHWEST.

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

MISS EMMA CALHOUN.

January 18, 1875.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—Yours of December 14th was received in due time. I thought the card you enclosed very beautiful, and enjoyed it until Christmas day, when I gave it to Ralph as a remembrance from you. The poor boy was then very poorly, and I tried to make the holidays as joyous as possible to him. We had a tree for our church and school on New Year's day, provided by friends of the mission in Pittsburgh, Pa. It was much enjoyed, but Ralph was not able to come.

Saturday afternoon he sent for me to come and stay with him; he passed a night of suffering, in great patience, till 4 A. M. I felt that he must die soon; I called his mother, three brothers and sisters. When he saw them around, he asked "Why?" I said, "You are sick and suffering, but in heaven, all will be well." He answered "Yes," and smiled and looked calm; but after another paroxysm of pain, he asked, "Why is this?" I said, "Ralph, I think you are going to heaven now, where there is no pain, and you will be with our Heavenly Father and Saviour soon; good-by, Ralph." He smiled, as I have not seen him for months, and looked at me and said, "Good-by," then at his mother and brothers, and called back in a still clearer voice, "Good-by." I sang in Dakota, "I have a Father in the promised land;" he lay so still, I asked, "Do you hear or know me?" He

nodded his head, and his hand, cold to the palm, clasped mine firmly. Again, as he seemed to be in pain, I said, "Ralph, you are very tired." He answered, "Yes." I said, "Go to sleep;" and he soon gave two long breaths as if the work was done and he at rest. It seemed very hard to see our right hand taken from us, but I know our Heavenly Father did it in love. His mother, who has always been very heathenish, now says, she wants to go the road, and to the place, where Ralph went. His brother told me yesterday, that he wanted to renew his ways, and live nearer to God. He is a member of the church, but I feared had only a name to live. This is but the beginning. I have written to ask you ladies to pray for us, especially at this time. I believe it is the time of refreshing for this desolate place and perishing people.

Ralph went to Ohio, last summer, to be educated. A scrofulous sore soon appeared on his shoulder, which he concealed as long as possible, but which finally compelled him to give up attending school and return to Yankton.

INDIA.

From a native East Indian, not in the employ of the Board, who assists Mrs. Warren, the love of Christ constraining her:—

The thought came to me, "How are the poor heathen to be converted?" Is not the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?" I thought of the servants of old, who went to distant lands and gave their lives in the Master's work; and here am I, doing nothing for the poor perishing heathen right around me. I feel very unfit and unworthy, but I thank God that my sufficiency and strength and wisdom are in Him. My first attempt was in the bazaar. I took the children in my lap, and began to love them; then I told them that Jesus took little children and blessed them. The mothers shed tears, and asked me if it were true that God loves us so much. I sang "Happy Land" to them, and when I came away, they begged me to come again.

My desire to do them good has increased, and my longing for their salvation draws me nearer to the bleeding side of Jesus, and oftener to the throne of grace. I go to the bazaar twice every week. I take the Sabbath for one of my visits to them. They seem to be very much affected by the "Prodigal Story," and also by the hymn, "I'm a pilgrim." In the bazaar, a Hindoo banker lives; his wife and daughters never go outside their home, unless in a closely screened conveyance. One Sabbath, when I was making my customary visit to this bazaar, or village, this banker's wife sent for me to come within to see her. I felt happy because of the invitation; although I know her husband's whole heart is fixed upon making money, and cheating the poor, I asked the dear Lord to go with me. Upon entering, eight women and some children gathered about me with pleasant faces, and wished me to sing and read to them. This I did most willingly. Pretty soon, one of the sons came and said, that they did not wish to be taught the word of God, and that I would make them Christians, and then went out before I had time to reply one word. The poor women looked frightened, and to tell the truth, I felt frightened too; they begged me to read more. I told them the husband would be angry. They asked me to come when the husband was not at home. After a little while, I left them, but have been there many times since. There is one young girl among them, twelve or thirteen years old, who always asks, if I have brought my "two books;" meaning the Bible and hymn book. I feel much interested in her. Once, our dear friend, Mrs. Warren, gained permission to go with me to this house; she took with her her little orphan boy Eddie. She told the mother of the household, that she desired to start a little school for girls. The mother did not look pleased, and said that their custom was, never to teach girls to read, and that girls should learn only to take care of the house.

. . . My heart yearns after them, and I pray that God will convert them to Himself, before long.

SIAM.

Mrs. S. R. House.

It is about three months since we commenced our school. We have eleven boarders and one day scholar, and though it may seem to you a very small beginning, we are by no means discouraged, but rather surprised at our success, for the ladies at home must remember that a school for girls was never heard of before, in this great capital city of Bangkok. We are asked, "What can you teach them? Do they not cook rice and take care of their husbands and children?"

Two or three more boarding pupils are already promised us; but the promises of the heathen are not much to be depended upon. We do not count our scholars until they are with us, and we have a written promise that they shall remain with us at least three years. We hope before many months, to have such an increase of pupils, as to be able to gratify all who wish for one to support. We have but two pupils who are at present unprovided for. These we will offer to your auxiliaries. Their names are Lay and Soot. Those who support them, can change their names for Christian ones, if they wish to do so. They are about 12 years old. Lay can read, but Soot cannot. She has been in the school but two or three weeks.

You at home, and we who are on mission ground, all have our own work to do, and are very needful to each other, and you are doing as much for the world's conversion, as we are, perhaps more.

Tabreeze Mission, Persia, is now in operation, and we are pledged for its entire support. Who will help us?

Woodstock, India, has been occupied for the past year. What auxiliaries desire to assist in our share of this work? In the April number will appear a letter from Miss Bacon, stating the promising condition of the school.

Missionary Hymn Books—for sale, Room 48, McCormick's Block, at 10 cents each, or $1 per dozen.

Home Work.

GOD'S PLAN.

How sad is the falling off in the contributions throughout the country! I should tremble for the result, only that I know there is a divine Hand taking care of the ark of God. How I wish every Christian would come back to God's plan in His first lessons to His church! I mean that of tithes. Then would a steady, ever-increasing stream flow into the treasury of the Lord, and every want of the church would be met. I know a young boy, whose family are in straightened circumstances, who earns, while going to school, by morning and evening labor, $2 50 a week. Of this he sets apart regularly 25 cents for the Lord. Now, in a year this will amount to $13. Think of every boy, girl, and man and woman giving a tenth of all they have to the Lord! And this is God's plan. L. A. M.

GO AND DO LIKEWISE!

We gave a Christmas entertainment in the basement of our church. In the first place, the Band, consisting of twenty-four young ladies and misses, with myself as their leader, at a call meeting, voted to meet monthly; and, in order to have something improving, as well as interesting, we agreed to edit and publish a monthly paper, in manuscript form, to be called "The Excelsior," and to be read at our regular monthly gatherings. We appointed our editors, and went to work, and had our January number ready to read at our entertainment during Christmas week. We had a literary department, a missionary outlook, &c., &c. We had music prepared for the occasion, and closed with an oyster supper, to which our editors invited a liberal patronage. Our next monthly meeting is to be at our house, at which time the next number of "The Excelsior" will be read. Some of the Band are quite good performers on the piano, and they will be prepared to entertain the company with music upon my instrument.

LINK PRAYER WITH EFFORT.

BY L. L. NEWELL.

Pray for the dwellers in darkness,
Far over the wide, deep sea!
Pray that the poor, sinful heathen
May hear Jesus', "Come unto me!"

Pray, but while praying give freely,
Both of thy basket and store!
Praying, alone, will not bring them
To Jesus, the one open Door.

Praying, alone, will not give them
The bread of eternal life—
Praying, alone, will not lead them
Out from their misery and strife,—

Into God's fair, blessed kingdom,
Unto his knowledge and love,—
Out from their blind idol worship,
To serve the one Father above.

If 'tis but little God gives thee,
Give of that little a share.
If thou art rich, then give freely,
Oh, let not thy wealth prove a snare!

Send to the poor, wretched heathen
The Bible, to teach them the way
Out of their dark superstitions,
Into God's bright, glorious day.

Prayer should be linked with thy giving;
Faith must complete this strong chain;
By it, thy Saviour will help thee
His poor, wandering ones to reclaim.

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 8th and 9th. Auxiliaries must be prompt in sending in their reports.

SMALL GIFTS WILLINGLY OFFERED.

Just "a cup of cold water only," or "two mites which make a farthing!" How condescending and how kind is Jesus when he stoops to receive even such trifling gifts with loving favor, if they measure the extent of our ability, and are offered "in the name of a disciple!" We are inexpressibly grateful to Providence that so many well-filled purses have been so widely opened for the purpose of carrying on this glorious "Woman's Work for Woman," and that "chief women, not a few," in this branch of our beloved Zion are both able and willing to "devise liberal things" for our benighted sisters in heathen lands. We almost envy them the privilege of making large donations in response to every earnest call, while so many of us are obliged to content ourselves with giving paltry dimes, when our hearts cry out for dollars, or even tens or hundreds of dollars. But, oh! it is sweet to know that Jesus still "sits over against the treasury," and when we are conscious that we have done what we could, He graciously "accepts the willing mind."

As I was thinking over this subject while engaged in my household labors this morning, and trying to plan some new economy or self-denial where I thought contrivance had already reached its limit, it occurred to me to send a few of my thoughts to our dear little magazine, with a hope that they might possibly stir up some one, who has not yet given to the full extent of her ability, to add to her contribution; and thus sending my empty cup to be filled by another, the "cold water" might reach some thirsty lip at last. Who will fill it for me?

Let us examine ourselves, dear sisters—those of us whose means are so limited that we find difficulty in supplying the real wants of our families—and see if it is not pride, instead of humility, that makes us shrink from bringing forward our little where others can give much. Is it not a paltry reason for refraining from doing what we can because we cannot do more? The Macedonian Christians gave liberally "out of their deep poverty," and the apostle commends them. Surely if our hearts are engaged in this

work as they should be, we can all do something; and, as giving is a means of grace, and an imperative Christian duty, let us be thoroughly awake on the subject, and we can in some way manage to give systematically. A Christian lady declined to attend the last monthly meeting of our missionary society "because her pecuniary circumstances were such that she could not give, and she could not bear to attend the meeting without giving like the rest."

Dear ladies, is there not a "more excellent way" than this? Let us all join some missionary society, and let us always attend its meetings, arranging beforehand, and making every thing bend to this, as we do with regard to keeping the Sabbath. Let us inform ourselves concerning the wants of the heathen world, and our duties; let our sympathies be deeply enlisted, and our fervent prayers constantly ascend; and let us bring our offerings (regularly if possible), not to be seen of men, but to Him who knows our circumstances, and who will not despise the mite our willing hands can give.

If we cannot possibly make it more, let us bring a five, or even a two cent coin, inscribed as it is with the Christian motto, "In God we trust," and who knows but it may be the very thing needed to place the last brick in some niche in the walls of Zion, or to pay for the page of a Bible or tract that shall be the means of the conversion of an immortal soul to Christ! J. G. J.

ENTHUSIASM A TALENT.

Few words in our language have lost more lustre by vulgar usage than the word enthusiasm. As the precious stones, when ground together by strong and careless hands, become fleeked, and their pure transparency or their brilliant hues are dimmed, so this word, strong and even charming in its classic significance, has become an expression of conceit or contempt Instead, it is a noble passion conceiving grand ideas; it is an untiring zeal prompting to the earnest pursuit of laudable objects.

It is enthusiasm in the inventor which brings out the world's

vast machinery; in the optician it experiments long, and at length astonishes even the learned with its magnificent discoveries; in the astronomer it sweeps the sky, and gathers up in blazing meteors the dust of comets, or catches, in the light of the fixed stars, a glimpse of that far off point in duration, "the beginning;" in the painter's brush it sends the chasing lights and shadows in dimpling ripples across the quiet lake, or it fixes ethereal thoughts upon the canvas, and, fired by its power, the poet gathers up the simplest thoughts, the tesselated fringes of life, and scatters them in pearls and diamonds all about us.

Enthusiasm—"*en Theos*," in God—an inspiration, a gift, a power inspiring hope and giving assurance of success. Enthusiasm is a gift, a talent, bestowed for a purpose, as much as love, or hope, or patience, or fortitude. Do we inquire for what purpose? God had a great and mighty idea indissolubly connected with the regeneration of the world, to give us an humble but effective agency in lifting it heavenward. And for this supreme work—to uplift and to save—we need more than the passive virtues, more than emotion or impulse; we need a life long inspiration, an unabating zeal. We have, indeed, employed this gift in the chase after phantoms, or all-absorbing fashions; but let us no longer pervert its design. Like the pearl in the muddy shell, or the gold in the clouded quartz, we have not made it available. Our work comes pressing up before us with startling power, and needs the impulse of this inspiration to accomplish it. Let us go to it with a stronger passion than the painter to his canvas, for the most beautiful paintings are but worthless daubings compared to our work; we paint for eternity. Aglow with more than a poet's enthusiasm, let us bear to the lips of immortal men not alone a poem whose beauty shall fade ere the century closes, but the new song, to be sung forever. We have no time for mere impulse, none for sleep. No, no. If we listen we may hear the footsteps of the Master returning to inquire after our stewardship. Can we answer, Thou gavest me this one talent, behold it with usury, two talents?

Women of our beloved church, young ladies, your enthusiasm is a priceless gift, and never so adorning as when in its appropri-

ate sphere, uplifting and saving the lost. Prize this inspiration! It is an important part of your Christian capital; make the most of it, and bring it in its strength and fulness to the mission work.

Would you measure the results? Lift the telescope and count the power of a glass. Turn it, and count again and again. As the number of the stars, as the sands upon the seashore, so shall be the number of the saved. Fill then, the water pots to the brim with the pure water of Christian enthusiasm; and Christ shall transform it into the wine of His kingdom, into the power of His love, for the salvation of the heathen world. M. E. H.

NEW SOCIETIES.

Muir, Mich., Montgomery Circle.
Ionia, Mich., The Alexander Mission Band.
Monroe, Mich., (transferred from N. Y. Board).
Fenton, Mich.
Frankfort, Indiana.
Troy, Ill., S. S. Band.
Fairfax, Iowa.
Madison, Wisconsin.
St. Louis, Mo., The Little Reapers, 2d Presbyterian Church.
Champaign, Ill., Pauline Band.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. A. S. Williams,
Mrs. Addie Stephenson,
Mrs. Frederick Wetmore,
Mrs. Anna G. Tappan,
Mrs. Laura W. Pierson,
Mrs. Julia McC. Voris,
Mrs. James Knox,
Mrs. Marie Wagner,
Mrs. Jerusha Perrin,
Mrs. H. M. Riley,
Mrs. E. F. Gregg,
Mrs. William C. Young,
Mrs. Flora B. Irwin,
Miss Lizzie P. Merrill,
Miss Lizzie Hamilton,
Miss Mary Harris,
Miss Susie Pierce,
Miss Sarah Stebbins

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, from December 1, 1874.

Valparaiso Aux. Soc., for Laos Bible, $16 of the amount being first payment on life membership of Mrs. Jeremiah Pierce,		$20	50
W. M. S. of Charlestown, Ind.		5	15
Wisner Band of Cedar Rapids, for support of a pupil in Persia,		$10	00
W. M. S., Rochester, Minn., for sup. of Miss Downing,		10	90
Harriet A. Dickinson, first			

payment on life membership, ... $5 00
Mrs. J. S. Farrand's last payment on life membership of Laura W. Pierson, . . 10 00
Aux. Soc. of First Pres. Ch., Joliet, Ill., ... 12 00
Aux. Soc. of Belvidere, Ill., . 25 00
Aux. Soc. of Columbus Ind., 2) 00
Mrs. S. J. Rhea, Lake Forest, 30 00
Miss. Band, "Busy Bees," Franklin, Ind., to make Mrs. Julia McC. Voris and Miss Lizzie Hamilton, life members, ... 50 00
Shah Mission Band, Rockville, Ind., for support of a Mussulman girl with Mrs. Mary Whipple, Oroomiab, Persia, ... 30 00
W. M S., St Paul, Minn., for Miss Downing, . . . 50 00
W. M. S., Rockville, Ind., for Miss Dean's school at Oroomiah, and to con Mary Harris a life member, . 25 00
W. M. S., Cedar Rapids, $40 of the amount for Miss Pratt's salary; $25 from Dr. J. F. Ely, to con. Mrs. James Knox a life member, 65 00
W. M. S., Central Pres. Ch., Joliet, Ill., ... 68 73
Payment on life membership for Mrs. Anna H. Fish, Du Quoin, Ill., . . . 7 00
Hopewell, Miss. Soc., Franklin, Ind., ... 12 75
W. M. S., Evanston, Ill., . 19 45
Payment on life membership of Maggie C. Peters, of Milford, Mich., to be used by Mrs. Thompson, Mexico, 3 00
Young Ladies' Band, First Church, Chicago, for Jane Dullo, Dehra Doon school, India, ... 30 00
W. M. S. of First Church, Chicago, for Miss Morrison's salary, $50 of the amount by Mrs. W. to con. Miss Sarah Stebbins and Miss Susie Pierce life members, ... 133 50
W. M. S. of Carthage, to con Miss Marie Wagner a life member, ... 25 00
Payment on life membership of Julia H. Johnston, . 3 00
W. M. S. of Second Church, Chicago, payment on Mrs. Rhea's salary, $25; for Miss Calhoun's salary, $100, . $125 00
Downing Miss. Band, Rochester, Minn., for education of a girl in Miss Downing's school, Cheefoo, China, . 40 00
W. M. S., Clinton, Ill., for educating two scholars one year in Persia, . . . 70 00
W. M. S., Hyde Park, for envelopes, ... 1 00
Calvary Church, Milwaukee, for envelopes, . . . 2 80
Hymn Books for Miss McKinly and Miss Johnston, . 2 60
W. M S., Carrollton, Ill., for Bible reader in Mrs. Tracy's district, Futtehgurh, India, and to con. Mrs Jerusha Perrin a life member, . 25 00
W. M. S. of Third Church, Chicago, portion of Mrs. Kelso's salary of Rawal Pindi, India, . . . 200 00

Total for December, $1,142 38
Aggregate receipts from May 1, 1874, to Dec. 28, 1874, . . $6,945 42

W. M. S , Lebanon, Ind., . 13 26
W. M. S., Constantine, Mich., for sup. of Lulu, and to con. H. N. Riley a life member, 40 00
Montgomery Circle, Muir, Mich., for sup. of Kamran in the Mynpurie school, India, ... 5 00
W. M. S. of Salem, Ind., . 6 25
A Christmas offering from Edith and Georgie Demise, Muir, Mich., . . . 1 00
W. M. S., Third Church, Chicago, payment on the salary of Mrs. Kelso, Rawal Pindi, $150; for Miss Mary E. Pratt, of Dehra, $50, . 200 00
W. M. S., Lake Forest S. S., for sup. of two girls in Miss Dean's school, Persia, . 60 00
W. M. S., Ionia, Mich., for sup. of Lebki, Mynpurie, India, $22 88; and $18 for sup. of Kamran, from the S. S., ... 40 88
W. M. S., Riverside, Ill., for Persian schools, . . . 25 00
W. M. S., Saginaw, Mich., fourth quarter's salary, due

Mrs. Coan, $25 of amount to con. Lizzie Palmer Merrill, a life member,	$70 00
W. M. S., La Porte, Ind., $6 75; Miss. circle of same, $50 80, for sup. of Mrs. Warren, India,	57 55
W. M. S., Fullerton av. Ch., Chicago, $25 of amount to con. Mrs. William Young a life member,	75 00
A Friend of Missions,	60 00
W. M. S., Crawfordsville, Ind.,	40 00
W. M. S., Omarga, Ill, payment on life membership of Mrs. E. C. Campbell,	20 00
W. M. S., Champaign, Ill., sup. of school in Brazil,	76 22
W. M. S., Ionia, Mich., for sup. of Debki, Mynpurie, India,	10 00
W. M. S., Keokuk, Iowa, for Miss Jewett's salary,	35 00
Young Ladies' Miss. Band, First Church, Chicago, for Morissa, wife of Pastor Jacob, at Superagen, $36; for Esther, wife of Deacon Eshoo of Tabreez, $48; Sarah, wife of Kasha Oshano of Tkhoma Mts. in Koordistan, $55; Hannah wife of Kasha Gonan, pastor of ch. in Oroomiah, $48; to be paid in gold,	210 00
W. M. S. of Winona, Minn,	50 00
W. M. S. of Detroit, Mich., for Miss I. A. Nassau, Benita, Africa, Mrs. A. S. Williams, $15, last payment on life membership. $25 from Mrs. Frederick Wetmore, to con. herself a life member,	40 00
W. M. S., Cedar Falls, Iowa, Jennie B. Patch, Waterloo, Ind,	$36 50 4 50
Mrs. Leyenhurger, Montain, Iowa,	2 00
W. M. S., First Church, Lafayette, Ind, payment on Mrs. Warren's salary,	50 00
W. M. S., Church, Wabash, Ind., sup. of a scholar in Miss Dean's school at Oroomiah,	31 36
W. M. S., Mason, Mich.,	39 60
W. M. S., Vinton, Iowa,	25 00
S. S. Miss. Band, Bushnell, Ill., balance of $25 to con. Miss Addie Stephenson, a life member,	15 00
Young Ladies' Miss. Band Battle Creek, Mich., to aid in the erection of Teheran buildings,	75 00
W. M. S., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, $2 for Brazil, and to con. Mrs. Anna G. Tappan, a life member; $14 for Miss J. Dean, Persia, last payment on life membership of Miss Flora B. Irwin,	39 60
Friend of missions for Laos Bible,	5 00
W. M S., Clayton, Ill., for the education of boy in the school of D. C. McCoy, Pekin, China,	40 00
W. M. S., First Church, Chicago,	55 00
Books and envelopes,	14 40
W. M. S., First Church, Chicago, for Miss Morrison's salary,	39 50
Total,	$1,607 82

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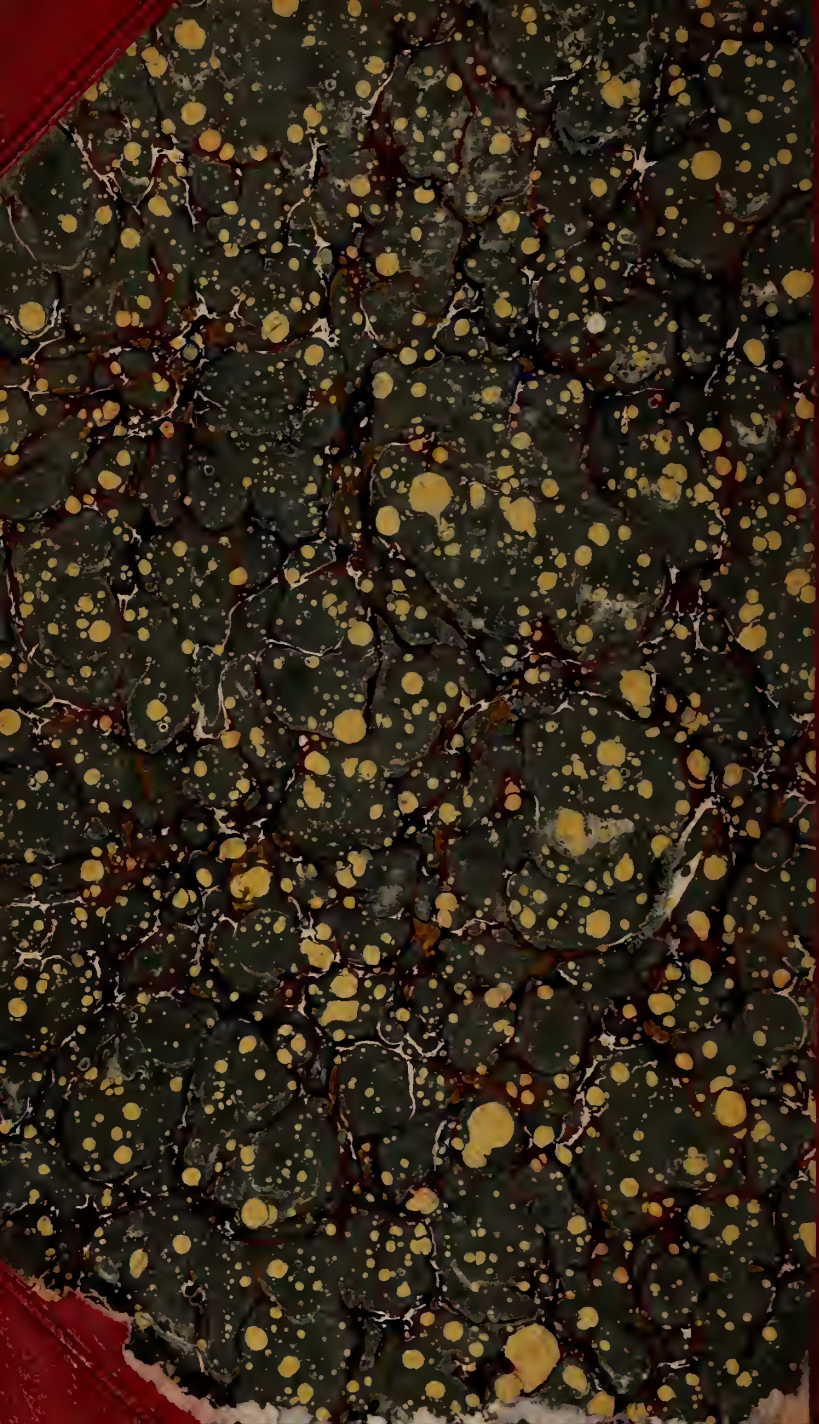
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